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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. 9

Memorial ~~Part~~ B for 1873 - 1874

SUBJECT.

Missing of two Sets of plates of printing Mysore Receipt Bills

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From
The Deputy Accountant General
in Mysore.

To
The Offg. Secretary to Chief Commr.,
General Department.

Dated 4
Despatched 5 } December
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Enclosures No. 1

Section
File No.
Serial No.

General No.
Memo No. 29

Brings to notice that two sets of Plates of printing Mysore Receipt Bills or draft Revenue Stamp Labels of the values of 3 and 4 Annas are missing from the Stock in the Accountant General's Office Madras

Refer D.A.G. to printed Notification of yesterday's date already issued. Sanctioning proposal in para 5 of D.O. Telegraph as follows to Chief Secy Madras.

5/12/73

No. 29

Deputy Accountant Generals Office
Bangalore 4th December 1873

From

The Deputy Accountant General
& Superintendent of Stamps -

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
General Department

Sir,

The Accountant General of Madras, the Stamping Department of whose Office has charge of the Plates and Dies for Mysore Stamps of all descriptions, has brought to my notice in his Memo No 592 dated 3rd instant (copy enclosed) that two sets of Plates for printing Mysore "Receipt Bill or Draft" Adhesive Stamps Labels of the values of 3 Annas and 4 Annas are missing from his Stock. From a previous Demi-Official letter from the Accountant General, I learn that these plates are supposed to have been abstracted by some Officials of the Stamping Department who are now being prosecuted, and it is not improbable that Adhesive Labels may have been surreptitiously struck off from the missing plates.

2 Agreeably to para 4 of the Chief Commissioners Notification No 442 of 11th September 1873

(Mysore Gazette 13th idem) Receipt Bill or Draft" Adhesive Stamp Labels exceeding 1 Anna in value are prescribed for negotiating, in Mysore, Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes drawn in places out of India, or in foreign territory in India. They are useless, legally, for other purposes, but it is quite possible that labels of the two values may be improperly used for other instruments -

3. Under these circumstances I have the honor to suggest the issue of a Notification by the Chief Commissioner to the effect that the use of "Receipt Bill or Draft" Mysore Adhesive Stamp Labels of the values of 3 Annas and 4 Annas respectively will henceforward be illegal, and providing that similar labels of the values of 1 Anna and 2 Annas of the proper amount may be used instead.

4. In order to give the earliest and widest possible publication to the Notification, I beg to suggest its publication in the next Gazette and that about 1000 copies in English and Canarese may be sent to each District to be distributed in the Talooks by instead of [illegible]

5 At the same time I solicit the Chief Commissioner's permission to recall the entire Stock of 3 and 4 Annas "Receipt Bill or Draft" Labels, from the treasuries and to destroy them -

6. It may be necessary hereafter to strike new Dies or plates of the missing values but they are seldom required as the instruments for which they are alone prescribed are comparatively uncommon.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
[signature]
Deputy Accountant General
& Superintendent of Stamps -

No. 592

Memorandum

As two plates of 30 dies each one of 3 and 4 Annas value for Receipt-labels of the Mysore Government are missing from the Stock in this Office, the undersigned has the honor to request that the Deputy Accountant General Mysore will adopt immediate measures for the destruction of his present Stock of Labels of the above values and for changing the color of these labels in future.

Fort St George
Accountant Genls Office
Paper Stamping Dept
3d December 1873

Sd. R. D. Roderick
Accountant General

To
The Deputy Accountant General
and Superintendent of Stamps
Mysore, Bangalore.

True Copy

Deputy Accountant General
of Mysore

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From
The Deputy Accountant General
in Mysore.

To
The Offg. Secretary to Chief Commr.,
General Department.

Dated 6 December

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Section
File No.
Serial No.

Enclosures No. 1

General No.
Hugg No. 31

In continuation of letter No. 2955 of the 4th inst. I have the honor to state that the Court Fee Labels are believed to have been struck off by the Manager of the Stamping Department Madras & suggest printing a new supply in ink of a different color.

Mysore 6th Dec 1873

Stamp No. 21

Deputy Accountant General's Office
Bangalore 6th December 1873

From

The Deputy Accountant General
and Superintendent of Stamps

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
General Department

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 29 of the 4th instant, I have the honor to state for the Chief Commissioner's information, that in consequence of a report of proceedings against the Stamping Manager and other Subordinates of the Accountant General's Office Madras, which appeared in the Madras Mail of the 3rd instant and reached me on the 4th, I immediately wrote a demi official note to Mr Ladwick the Accountant General enquiring whether any Mysore Court Fees Labels had been surreptitiously obtained from the Stamping department of his Office, as he had not mentioned Court Fees Labels in his previous communications, but only the loss of two plates for Receipt Labels.

2 I now beg to enclose copies of the Accountant General's telegram received last night, and his letter of the same date received this morning,

No 85 d, dated 5th December

Fees Labels are believed by him to have been
struck off by the Manager -

3. It becomes necessary therefore to take steps
to stop the use of these labels, and having consulted
you personally on the subject, I have requested the
Accountant General to commence at once printing
off a new supply in ink of a different colour. I have
suggested pale orange or yellow instead of the
red now in use.

4. I am also issuing a Circular to District
Treasury Officers to refer parties wanting C.F. Labels to
the local Courts which are supplied by the District
Treasuries - I am also requesting Officers in charge
of Courts to direct the Official who sells Court Fees
Labels to put his initials and the date of sale on
each Label, in order that none but Labels so procured
may be accepted on papers presented to the Courts -
In the Talooks the Amils will be instructed to
follow the same course -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

Deputy Accountant General
& Superintendent of Stamps

Copies

Telegram

From Accountant General Madras

To Deputy Accountant General. Says me

You should alter Colour of Labels

you refer to.

Dated 5th December

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No 85 d

Demi Official

Accountant General's Office

Madras 5th December 1873

Dear Mr Hudson.

In a Sawmy we believe has had numbers of extra sheets of Court Fees Labels struck off whenever an indent had to be carried out. These were supposed to be burnt and the excuse given for so largely exceeding the indent is that the extra sheets were required to replace the ones damaged in stamping and making the division holes. Of course it is absurd to suppose that as many as 10 could be required for such purpose and this is the number of extra sheets he had struck off on one occasion - We doubt he made a fine sum by his roguery. You will I think be doing wisely to at once alter the Color of the Label,

so

so as to render any improperly obtained warrants to the rascals who have got them -

Yours faithfully -
Sd. R. R. Lodwick -

A true copy /
W. M. Ansell
Deputy Accountant General
& Superintendent of Stamps -

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From

To The Dy Accountant
and Supt of Stamps - Mysore

Dated Bangalore 6. Decr. 1873.

Despatched Do.

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 5063

L No. 429

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File No 96

Serial No

Yours letter No. 29 of the 4.inst
bringing to notice that 2 sets of
plates for printing Mysore "Receipt
Bill or Draft" Adhesive Stamp
Labels of the values of 3 Annas and
4 Annas are missing from the stock
in the Accts Genl's Office Madras, a
requesting the issue of a Notification
to the effect that the use of labels of
the values stated will hence forward
be illegal &c.

Refers the Dy Accts Genl. to
the printed Notification No. 2146
of the 4.th instant already
issued and circulated to
the Comptr and Dy Comptrs
& Districts - and published in the
Bangalore Mysore Gazette -
Conveys Sanction to the Recall
of the entire stock of 3 and 4
Annas "Receipt Bill or Draft" Labels
from the Treasuries with a view
to their being destroyed. -

By order,

5/12/73

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Offg Secy

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From

The Deputy Accountant General
in Mysore.

To

The Offg. Secretary to Chief Commr.,
General Department.

Dated //

Despatched 12-12 December

Received 13-12

Enclosures No.

General No.

Stage No. 35.

In continuation of letter No. of the 6th Inst. I submit copies of another demi official from Accountant General Madras & reply thereto.

The Dy Acct Genl's action may be approved & he may be requested to report as soon as possible the result of his reference to the Govt of Madras.

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Deputy Accountant General's Off
Bangalore 11th December 18

From

The Deputy Accountant-General
and Superintendent of Stamps

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
General Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 31 of the 6th instant, I have the honor to submit for the Chief Commissioner's information a copy of another Demi Official letter from Mr. Lodwick the Accountant-General Madras dated the 8th instant, received 10th idem stating that "on examination it is found that the brass Master Cube of the 1000 Rupee Court Fees Labels is missing" and appears to have been in the possession of the late Manager of that Office, who is now being prosecuted -

2 I also submit a copy of my reply to Mr Lodwick of this date -

3. If it should appear, as there seems reason to suppose, that the late Manager had uncontrolled use of the Mysore Die it will be advisable to supersede them

without delay, and to this end I have asked the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras, whether he is in a position to supply British Court Fee Labels for use in Mysore with the word Mysore printed across, until such time as new dies can be struck. It will probably be necessary to move the Secretary of State to have the requisite supplies of Court Fee Labels prepared for Mysore under the same checks as those for the Government of India, but this will take a year or more to do.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

Deputy Accountant General

of Mysore

NB The draft Seal has been ordered & also the printing of new labels with the word Mysore

No 88.

Demi Official

Accountant General's Office

Madras 8th December 1873

Dear Mr Hudson

On examination it is found that the brass Master Cube of the 1000 Rupees Court Fees Labels is missing. From inquiry I learn that this differed somewhat from the dies which were afterwards made their Caste having small flowered lines instead of plain ones at the corners and an ornament on each side of the word Rupees while the letters were smaller than those on the Master. On the 29th September 1871 you decided on the colour of the ink and after that of course Iyadurai would have had no difficulty in striking off Stamps from the Master die which appear to have been in his possession, and the small differences would not have been observed readily - I would suggest your calling in the Stock of all your Labels in your Province and cancelling them, and I think there is great danger in using nothing but ordinary bazar paper for Stamping purposes.

Water marked paper should I think be used as otherwise the ease with which Stamps can be impressed surreptitiously is so great a temptation, that men can hardly resist it and the difficulties of superintendence are immensely increased in this Office—

Yours faithfully
Sd. R. B. Lodwick

Stamps No 34

Deputy Accountant General's Office
Bangalore 11th December 1873.

Stamps Dept

From

The Deputy Accountant-General
and Superintendent of Stamps

To

The Accountant General
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt yesterday, of your demi official letter dated 8th instant No 88 in which you inform me that a brass master Cube which was made preparatory to the die for Mysore Court Fee Labels of 1000 Rupees value is missing from your Stock, that it appears to have been in the possession of the late Manager of your Stamping Office who is now under trial and that after the colour of the Labels had been decided on in September 1871 he could have had no difficulty in striking off Stamps from the master die. You also suggest my calling in the present Stock of Mysore Labels and the substitution of Water marked paper in lieu of that hitherto used for the Labels.

2. I beg to enclose for your perusal a Notification issued by this Office on the 6th Inst

on Receipt of Your Demi Official letter of the 5th inst in which you reported that it was believed that the late Manager had surreptitiously struck off numerous Mysore Court Fee Labels. From that notification it will be seen that precautionary Rules have been laid down by this Administration against the use of the stolen Labels. Obviously the Labels now in the Courts and Treasuries cannot be recalled until others are supplied. You will have received my Lr No 30 of 6th instant requesting the preparation of Court Fee Labels of a pale Orange or Yellow, and as suggested by you I will request the Superintendent of Stamps of Madras to supply on your application such a quantity of Madras Government Water marked paper as you may require for printing the 14183 Sheets required. If the paper used for Mysore General Stamps be adopted, four Sheets of Labels would be printed on three entire Rolls, leaving some wastage—

3. From the circumstances which have been

been reported by you from time to time since the 1st instant it is to be inferred that the late Manager of your Stamping Office had apparently uncontrolled access to the dies for Mysore Receipt and Court Fee labels and if so I presume he may have taken models of all the dies. I beg to be informed whether such may be a fair inference from the facts with which you are acquainted, in order that steps may be taken to procure an entirely new supply of labels.

4 I also request the favor of your informing me whether the frauds detected have had any reference to Mysore General Stamp Papers and if so to what extent.

I have the honor to be &c.

J. H. Hudson

Deputy Accountant General

& Superintendent of Stamps

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From

To The Dy: Acct: General
of Mysore

Dated 16th Decr.

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Received 18th

Enclosures No.

General No. 5217.

No. 452.

In replying to letters Nos. 3.
and 35 of 6th and 11th, Approve
of the action taken, in the
matter of the loss dies.

Section
File No. 74
Serial No.

N°5217

Fl. 452.

Mysore, Chief Comrs. Off
Bangalore, 16 dec. 18

To
The Dy. Accomt. Genl.
of Mysore

Sir,

In reply to your
letters Nos. 31 and 35
dated respectively the
6th and 11th inst. re
garding the Mysore
Stamps supposed to have
been surreptitiously
obtained from the
Accts. Genls. Office
Madras, I am direct
ed to state that the
Mysr. Chief Comr. ap
proves of the action ta
ken by you in the
matter, and to reques
that the result of you
reference to the Supdt
of Stamps may be re
ported as soon as
possible.

I have &c

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MYSORE MISSION.

1873

From The Dy: Accountant Gener
Mysore

To

Dated 17th Dec.

Despatched

Received 18th Dec. 1873.

1 Enclosures No.

General No. 42

No.

In continuation of letter
No 36 of the 11th Instant, sub-
mits for information, with
certain suggestions, a further
letter from the Accountant Gener
Madras, on the subject of "Court
Fee stamp Labels".

Under the circumstances men-
tioned in para 1 of the D.A.G.
letter it is I submit highly
desirable that we should obtain
not only the colour but the
form of all Court Fee stamps
that is in future it will
think be wise to have the
stamps manufactured in England
proposed by D.A.G.
this may be Recommended
Madras. In the
meantime Madras may
addressed & requested
to send up a supply
their Court fee stamps
which can be at once
substituted for the Mysore
Court Fee stamps now

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Deputy Accountant General's Office
Bangalore 17th December 1874

From

The Deputy Accountant General
and Superintendent of Stamps

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
General Department

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to my letter No. 350 of the 11th instant, to submit for the Chief Commissioner's information a further letter from the Accountant General of Madras No. 604 dated 13th idem stating in reply to my enquiry that "it is impossible to say whether models have been taken or not" of the Mysore Court Fees Stamp Labels. I apprehend the same remark may apply to "Receipt Bill or Draft" labels likewise, as it will be remembered that two sets of the dies (Values 3 Annas & 4 Annas) were abstracted by the late Manager of the Accountant General's Stamping Office, and it seems highly probable that he may have had duplicates made of all the dies -

2. The Accountant General states that "nothing would seem to be wrong with respect to General Stamp papers"

3. Under these circumstances I have the honor

to suggest that the Government of India in the Financial Department may be moved to request the Secretary of State for India to have a supply of "Court Fees" Labels and "General Stamp labels" manufactured for the Mysore Administration, under the same checks and precautions as are observed in the manufacture of Stamp Labels for the Government of India -

4. I forward in four sealed packets a Sheet of each value of Label now in use, as Specimens, with special reference to the Canarese and Persian inscriptions of the values required.

× No 1 Court Fees Labels
17 Sheets of Values
from 1 Anna to 100 Rs
No 2 As above
No 3 Receipt Bill or Draft
13 Sheets of Values from
1 Anna to 6 Rs -
No 4 As above -

The words "Government of Mysore Court Fees" appear on one set of Labels, and I propose to have "Mysore General Stamps" on the other set, instead of "Mysore Receipt Bill or Draft" in order that these Labels may be used not only for Receipts Bills and Drafts but for all the purposes for which the use of Labels is authorized by the General Stamp Act. 1869. I would recommend an entire new and more elaborate design and a different colour from the Green and Orange Labels now in use. The devices and Colours may be left to the selection of the India Office

5. I also enclose two Indents for the numbers.

labels required. I propose for a two years supply, and in order to their early introduction it may be requested that one half be sent out as soon as ready to the case of the Principal Commissary of Ordnance at Madras who will land and forward the packages unopened to this Office –

6 It remains to consider what further precautions may now be advisable to prevent the currency of the labels supposed to have been surreptitiously manufactured whether from the original dies or from fac similes. It will be remembered that the use of 3 Annas and 4 Annas Receipt-labels has been interdicted by the Chief Commissioner's Notification dated 4th December and the Court Fees Labels are required under Notification of 6th idem to be initialled by an Officer of the Court or Treasury selling them – It has also been proposed to supersede the present Court Fees Labels by others of a different colour, but as it now appears that the dies themselves may have been imitated, it becomes necessary to supersede the present Mysore Labels as soon as possible –

7. The Superintendent of Stamps at Madras has informed me (see copy of his demi Official of 15th instant enclosed) that he can supply Government of India Court Fee Labels to a certain extent for use in Mysore, and I now beg to suggest that the Government of India, in the Financial Department may be moved by the Chief Commissioner to authorize

the use of such Labels and Receipt Bill or Draft Labels in Mysore with the word "Mysore" printed across each label, until such time as special Mysore Labels can be obtained from England. The Mysore Government to pay the cost price of the labels.

8. Should the Government of India be pleased to sanction the above proposal, authority may also be asked for this Office to obtain supplies of both descriptions of Labels from the Superintendent of Stamps at Madras.

I propose on receipt of a sufficient supply to have the present Stock of Mysore Labels (Court Fees and Receipt Bill or Draft) destroyed, as well as the dies—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt
J. M. Mc Neill
Deputy Accountant General
& Superintendent of Stn

Indent for Mysore Court Fees / Adhesive / Labels required for the Mysore Administration

Values	Number of Labels	Remarks.
1 Anna	150,000	1 The present Mysore Court Fees Labels are in Sheets containing 30 labels each. This Indent assumes that the new labels may be printed in Sheets of 50 or 100 each but should any other round number be more convenient it may be adopted, what Sheets being sent of each value, and the total number of each value being as near as possible the numbers now Indented for-
2	50000	
3	5000	
4	100,000	
6	20,000	
8	300,000	
12	25,000	
1 Rupee	100,000	
2	50000	
4	6,000	
5	6,000	
7	5000	
10	5000	
20	5000	
40	1000	
70	1000	
100	500	

Inscription - "Mysore Government Court Fees"
Values in English Canarese and Persian -

2. It is also requested that one half the quantity of each value Indented for, may be supplied as soon as ready and the other

other half as soon after as practicable

3. Labels are not wanted above the Value of £100 Rupees as they are rarely required and can be made up by Labels of the next Value -

17 December 73

By Authority
Mysore

Indent for Mysore General Stamps (Adhesive)
Labels –

Values	Number of Labels.
1 Anna	500,000
2 "	5000
3 "	5000
4 "	5000
6 "	2000
8 "	2000
12 "	2000
1 Rupee	2000
1½ "	2000
2 "	2000
3 "	2000
4 "	2000
6 "	2000

Inscription – Mysore General Stamps
with Values in English, Canarese and
Persian –

See Remarks 1-2
in Indent for
Mysore Court
Fees Labels –

17 Dec 73

J Murdoch
Superintendent
Mysore

Stamping Department

No 604

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Fort Saint George
Accountant General's Office
13th December 1873.

From

The Accountant General Madras

To The Deputy Accountant General
and Superintendent of Stamps - Mysore
Bangalore

Vide your Office letter No 34 dated 11th December 1873-

The undersigned has the honor to state that the Manager cannot be said to have had uncontrolled access to the dies but nevertheless being considered highly trustworthy by the Assistants in charge he was not looked after as much as he ought to have been and therefore it is impossible to say whether models have been taken or not- Nothing would seem to be wrong with respect to general Stamp papers-

I have &c
R. W. Lodwick
Accountant General-

Madras
General Stamp Office
15th December 1873-

My dear Sir,

I am let you have the supply of

of Court Fee labels you require - 3 & 4 A
are the only Values about which I have any
doubt. My Stock of them is small and
I have had to obtain a supply of them fr
Calcutta and Bombay. If however, I kno
what quantity you will require of each of
them, I can tell you precisely whether I can
spare it or not. Of all the other Values I
have enough in Store. In the event of my
Stock of 3 & 4 As not admitting of my letting
you have the Quantities you may ask for,
you will have to draw upon Calcutta for the
4 and probably upon Bombay for the 3 Annas

I imagine you will arrange for the
word "Mysore" being printed across the
Label in your Office

I am &c
Sd. V. Ramiengar—

True Copies

1874. No. 5578/45

From

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated 8th January

Despatched 9 "

Received

Enclosures No. 4

General No. 5578
No. 45.

Solicits, under the circu
stances represented, that the Super
of Stamps may be directed to
furnish the deputy Accountan
General Mysore with a supp
of the labels referred to.

Courtney

No. 5578

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Mysore Chief Commr's Office
~~Dec~~ 1873

Bangalore 8th January 1874

The Chief Secy to Govt
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the case of fraudulent mis-appropriation of Mysore Stamp labels and dies recently discovered in the Accountant General's office Madras, I am directed by the Offg Chief Commr to report for the information of His Lordship the Governor in Council that with a view to prevent the currency in Mysore of the labels suppos to have been surreptitiously manufactured, the sanction of the Govt of India has been solicited, as a temporary measure, to the introduction of Govt of India "Cont-Re" labels and "Recpt bill or draft labels" in lieu of the Mysore Stamp labels now in use.

2. Pending the receipt of sanction, I am directed to solicit that the Superin-

tendent of Stamps, Madras
may be directed to furnish
the Dy Asst Genl Inspr
with a supply of the labels
referred to on payment
of cost price.

Shams + C Dt
Offg Secy

23/12/73

Wm
Mark